

**Connecticut Department of Transportation**

**State Project No. 102-346**

**Safety and Traffic Operational Improvements on US Route 1/Stuart Avenue  
City of Norwalk**

**Minutes of Public Informational Meeting  
Community Hall, Room 128, City Hall  
125 East Avenue  
June 19, 2014, 6:30 PM**

**ATTENDEES:** There were approximately 11 attendees, including Mr. Michael Yeosock from Norwalk's Department of Public Works

**PRESENTATION:** The Connecticut Department of Transportation (Department) provided an introduction including project location and description, public involvement process, and outline of the presentation. CDM Smith, the Department's Consultant for the project, presented the project details including purpose and need, collision data, existing intersection deficiencies, proposed intersection layout, proposed roadway elements, typical section, maintenance and protection of traffic during construction, permitting, schedule, and cost of project. Since the project requires easements from adjacent properties, the Department discussed the rights-of-way process.

The purpose of the project is to provide safety and traffic operational improvements by providing opposing left-turn lanes on U.S. Route 1 at its intersection with Stuart Avenue. Currently, U.S. Route 1 at this intersection is comprised of two travel lanes in each direction. It is proposed to widen both sides of U.S. Route 1 and provide exclusive left-turn lanes in each direction to address higher than normal crash occurrences involving turning-type movements at the intersection.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:**

1. *Is there a sidewalk connection to the Fairfield Avenue/Clinton Avenue intersection?*

Yes, the proposed sidewalks would be connected with the Fairfield Avenue/Clinton Avenue intersection.

2. *There is an existing dip in the pavement at the Stuart Avenue intersection near the southbound approach of Stuart Avenue. Would this be addressed in the project?*

Yes, the grading plan at the intersection would address this.

3. *Did traffic counts include the Lowe's development?*

Not specifically, but the projected traffic volumes used in the design of the project took into account future background growth in the immediate vicinity of the project site.

4. *How many vehicles can be stored in the left turn lanes?*

The available storage in the left turn lane is for about 3 vehicles.

5. *Can the existing signal lens be upgraded to 12" now to see if collisions decrease?*

The Department will look into this. Sometimes, signal lens replacement may impact the signal span and support. Detailed analysis is required.

6. *There is a pedestrian “push-button” pedestal pole on the southeast corner of the intersection that is down and inoperable.*

The Department will advise their Maintenance staff to investigate and address this issue.

7. *Will Lowe’s development add traffic into the intersection from the south i.e. Greenwich?*

No, it is anticipated that the traffic oriented to/from the south will use the site driveway on Clinton Avenue. The U.S. Route 1/Fairfield Avenue/Clinton Avenue intersection is being improved to accommodate the Lowe’s development.

8. *How does the right-of-way process evaluate a specific property i.e. best or highest possible use?*

The right-of-way process will evaluate each property based on its best or highest possible use based on current zoning.

9. *Sight line looking left from northbound Stuart Avenue is blocked by vegetation. Will this be improved as part of this project?*

A sight line easement is proposed in the southwest corner to get a clear sight line on U.S. Route 1 by removing vegetation.

**ADJOURNMENT:** In general, the project was well received by the attendees at the meeting. During the informal session before the meeting, there were concerns raised regarding the impacts of the project to parking spaces on adjacent properties. The Department will coordinate these concerns with the individual property owners as the design progresses. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.